

CITY OF GREENWOOD

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Mayor of the City of Greenwood, Indiana has the responsibility to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and,

WHEREAS, Paul Velez served the City of Greenwood as teacher and principal of the Greenwood Middle School for 23 years from 1970 - 1993 during a time of expansion and growth at the Greenwood Middle School as well as in the City of Greenwood; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Velez began his career in 1970 in the Guidance Department of Greenwood Middle school having served four years in the military and having received his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana Central and his Masters from Butler University; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Velez was devoted to his students and staff as evidenced in his leadership and interest in expanding the horizons of the student body of Greenwood Middle School by implementing and participating in extra curricular activities by coaching wrestling and swimming teams; and,

WHEREAS, In addition to his contributions to the community as school principal, Mr. Velez was an elected member of the Greenwood City Council, having given outstanding service in that capacity; and,

WHEREAS, As principal Mr. Velez was sincere, genuine, caring and a good role model for the teaching staff as well as each and every student; and,

WHEREAS, Wonderful school experiences were the norm as aptly stated in a letter of tribute from a parent to the school board, to-wit: "Mr. Velez is a Christian person in his leadership, and teachers follow their leaders as the students follow their teachers."

NOW, THEREFORE, in acknowledgement of the many contributions of this beloved man, I, Charles Henderson, Mayor of the City of Greenwood, Indiana do hereby proclaim May 19, 2006 as

PAUL VELEZ DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Greenwood, Indiana to be affixed on this 19th day of May 2006.



Charles E. Henderson
CHARLES E. HENDERSON, MAYOR
City of Greenwood, Indiana